



## From the Pastor's Desk

### Epiphany 2018

Today's feast the Epiphany celebrates the visit of the magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Tradition names the three magi (kings) as Gaspar, Melchior and

Balthasar. As these visitors offered gifts to the newborn child, may we be willing to bring the gifts of our lives and our service to the building up of God's kingdom.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and reflect on the gifts we bring to the service of the Church and God's kingdom, it is an appropriate time to offer our parish thanks to all who helped to make our liturgies the fuller expression of faith and worship for our Christmas liturgies.

**Thank you everyone** who kept Assumption Church in their intentions in this Christmas Season, and the support given to the parish through the Christmas collection. As these early days of the New Year 2018 begin to unfold, may our lives be filled with a spirit of generosity and appreciation.

### Many Journeys, One Family National Migration Week 2018

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week (January 7-13) 2018, "Many Journeys, One Family," draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another. Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, even if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them.

During this National Migration Week, let us take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends.

We would like to thank those who have taken the opportunity to share with our local migrant community through the Catholic Charities Household Items collection drive. Your donated household items and monetary donations positively help these migrant families as they begin a new chapter of their lives here in our local communities. If you would like to be more engaged with them, contact Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio for a list of all volunteer opportunities.

## Baptism

We welcome Jared Brian Miles Enda, son of Brian Enda and Jennifer Angne. The Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

## From Adam Couch

### Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

#### Sacraments Class Schedule (9:50 – 10:50 AM)

	Jan. 7	Jan. 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	CLASS	No Class

### Catholic Charities Household Items Donations

This is the final day to drop of donations of household items to benefit Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio refugee resettlement program through January 7<sup>th</sup>. A full list of recommended items can be found on Assumption's website or at the household items drop-off box in the corner of the church. If you are interested in volunteering with Catholic Charities, a list of available opportunities is also on that list. Thank you for your continued generosity to help those in need!

### Lent Mission

Register today for our 2018 Lenten Mission, 'Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi' – Mondays, February 19, 26, March 5, & 12 from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM in Assumption's church. Join us for four evenings of prayer, song, preaching, and sharing on the Mass. Come and learn about the gathering rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and see how our Sunday liturgy connects to our everyday living! Registration is required (due February 12) and is available in the back of the church and on the Assumption website. Invite your friends for this informative and faith-filled mission!

[faithformation.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.assumption@gmail.com) with questions / comments.

## This Week in the Parish

Monday	1/08 Canasta	Noon
	Campaign for Life	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	1/09 Y.A.G. Sports League	6:00 PM
Wednesday	1/10 Choir	7:30 A.M.
Saturday	1/13 Men's Group	8:30 A.M.
Sunday	1/14 Coffee and Donuts	

## 5200 Club

Week #15 Winner: Mark & Sue Toelke

Seller: Mary Lou Toelke

Ticket: 4105

## Collections

December 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,150.25
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 8,626.40
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 4,579.50

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>January 8</b> Assumption Purgatorial Society
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>January 9</b> Betty Rowekamp
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>January 10</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>January 11</b> Communion Service
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>January 12</b> Communion Service
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>January 13</b> Melissa & Donald Schon
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>January 14</b> Virginia Snodgrass For the Parish

## Thank you

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## Yearly Tax Statements

If you would like a yearly tax statement, please call or e-mail the parish office and we will mail you your statement. We are only sending statements to those who request them.

## St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

## Night at the Races

Mark your calendars for January 20, 2018. Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association presents Night at the Races. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. Admission is \$15.00, Seniors \$10.00 and can be bought from Jennie Ludwig at 266-8226, Rodney Rosenacker at 479-2646 or Joe Cooper at 482-0331 or online at [www.squareup.com/store/OLGAA](http://www.squareup.com/store/OLGAA). No admission without a ticket and you must be 21 years old.



OUR LADY OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**All School Mass**  
**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.**  
**Fr. Gardner - Presider**

## Lunch Menu

Monday – Chicken Nuggets  
Tuesday – Brunch for Lunch  
Wednesday – Lasagna Roll Up  
Thursday – Chicken Tender Wrap  
Friday – Marco's Pizza

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